



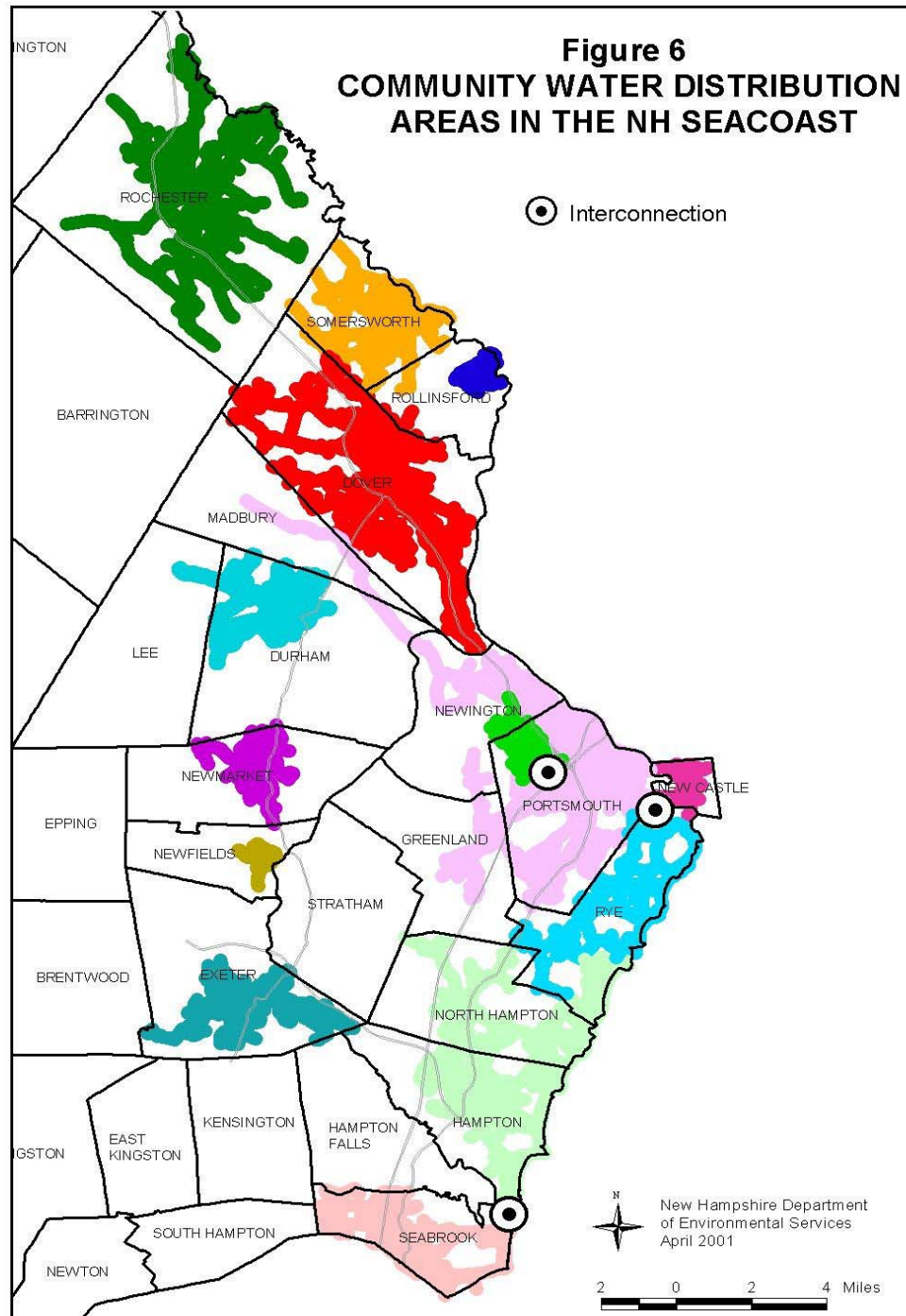
REGIONAL WATER COOPERATION FOR SECURITY, INTEGRITY AND ECONOMY

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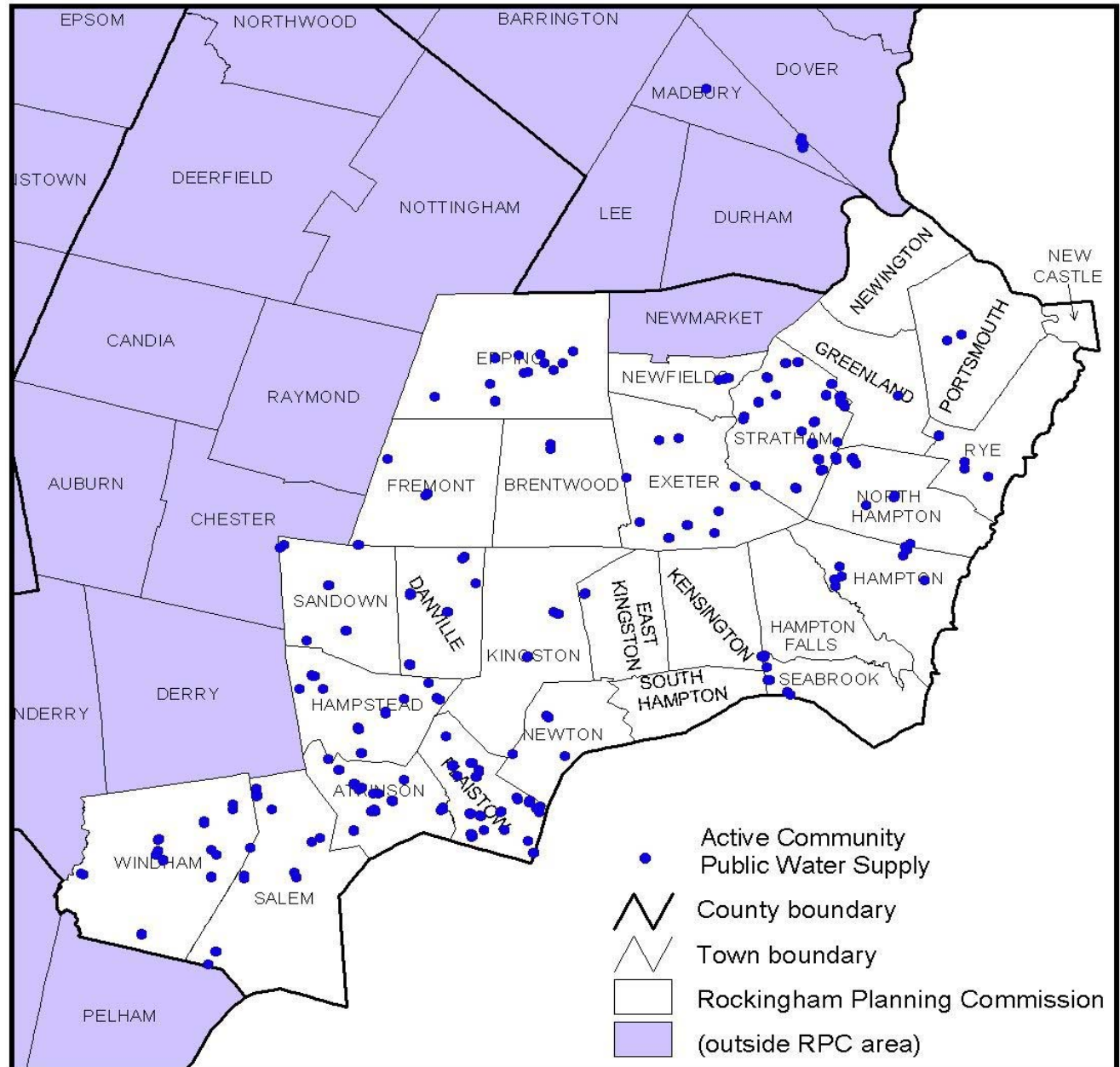


NH Public Water Systems

- **About 684 community systems statewide**
- **Serving roughly 60% of the state's 1.236 million people**
- **134 systems are owned by public entities**
- **109 systems (16% of state's population) are PUC regulated**
- **13 systems wholesale outside core areas**

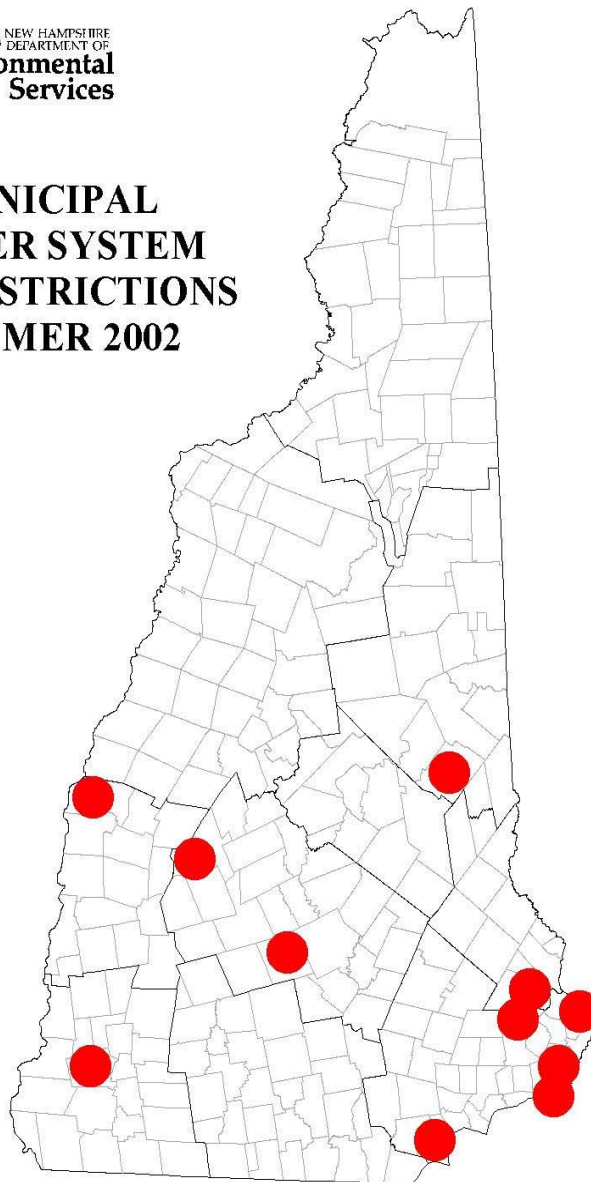


COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES IN THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AREA





**MUNICIPAL
WATER SYSTEM
USE RESTRICTIONS
SUMMER 2002**





A Brief History

- **1990 - Southern NH Task Force**
- **2000 - SB 331 DES/PUC Study of Regulatory Obstacles**
- **2002 - HB 437 Measures to Expedite Regionalization**
- **2003 - HB 738 Regionalization Grant Program**



SB 331 Obstacles to Regional Cooperation

- **Geography and distance**
- **Regulation of external rates**
- **Local politics/inter-town rivalries**
- **Local control of water**
- **Water use regulation**
- **Insufficient \$\$\$**



Current Events

- **HB 738 – 25% state grants for regional systems and groundwater investigations**
- **Mutual Assistance Planning Grants**
- **Legislative consolidation of water issues**



Issues which underlie water supply cooperation

- **Rules applying to new source development**
- **Prioritization of water uses**
- **Durability of water rights**
- **Intermunicipal rivalries for tax dollars**